

City of Ruston

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**5117 N Winnifred Street
Ruston, WA 98407
www.rustonwa.org**

October 2018

Open M-F 9am–5pm

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Council Meets: Council meeting of Tuesday, November 6, 2018 and Tuesday, November 20, 2018.
- Regular Council Meetings are held at The Mary Joyce Community Center, 5219 N. Shirley St, at 7:00 PM.
- Planning Commission: Watch the bulletin board and the website for meetings scheduled.
- **Ruston City all will be closed the following holidays: Veterans Day, November 12th and Thanksgiving, November 22nd and 23rd.**



Come to an Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting at 51st & Winnifred on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6PM.

Mayors Corner

The city received a grant for pedestrian/bicycle friendly improvements titled “Complete Streets”. The city has slated the Winnifred and 51st Street intersection for pedestrian improvements that will provide safer crossings. We are currently in the engineering phase and expect proposals to be presented to council by the first half of next year and construction beginning later in 2019. It is very important that we provide residents with a safe and walkable community.

This month the city received an Explanation of Significant Difference from the US EPA that pertains to the onsite containment facility – commonly referred to as the OCF. The OCF has always been intended to be a park however of late there were overtures made that it was going to be built on. The Explanation of Significant Difference clearly prohibits any construction of any building on top of the OCF. It goes on to state that the “current land use for the OCF calls for a residential park (Merritt+Pardini 1997)”. Many residents surrounding the OCF were worried about its long-term use and I hope this clarity from EPA will ease their angst. The EPA document can be found on the city’s website www.rustonwa.org for those interested in reading it.

Hope you all had a safe Halloween and you enjoy your Thanksgiving,

Thanks for reading – your mayor – Bruce Hopkins

From the Police Department

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of playing football with some of our town’s young people at Rust Park. I hope everyone had fun, as I know the officers did, and we look forward to arranging more Saturday games in the near future. If your kid would like to join us in the future, please email Officer Shawn Hoey at shawn.hoey@rustonwa.gov. The officers gladly pitch in to provide refreshments and food, and at the conclusion of each game we will communicate three values: respect for others and self, empathy (being a good neighbor), and grit (strive to always do your best).

You will find that your dayshift officer will circulate through each bus stop in the morning. We are doing this to promote a safe environment while our students wait for their buses, but it is also a time that we encourage interaction. We have even visited some of them at their school during lunch, and in doing so we found that students from Tacoma were happy to talk to our officers as well!

Some of you may have participated in our first “wine walk” last weekend. I attended while on-duty to visit with our business owners and people from out of town, and it appeared everyone had a good time.

In the coming weeks we hope to fill a vacancy for a police lieutenant with a candidate who is undergoing the necessary background check. Our goal is to fill our positions with experienced and mature officers who understand our priority is developing a community-centered department.

Nestor Bautista
Chief of Police

From the Fire Department

Winter’s coming and soon the weather will be back to the Northwest trends. Storms that can knock out power may be in our future. Now is a good time to revisit your emergency kit. If you don’t have one, maybe you should take some time and put one together.

Sometimes extra heating devices are put to use during this time. These items have been the source of many fires. Please be careful. If you would like additional information, please contact the Ruston Fire department.

Thank you. Chief Torbet

From the Public Works Department

Please keep an eye on trees and bushes growing around the perimeter of your property. Trim or cut branches that are growing into or overhead of sidewalk, alley and street. A notice letter will be sent out to those in violation of these encroachments.

Do not set out overfilled garbage carts. An overfilled cart is one where the lid does not lie flat on the cart when closed, because the contents of the cart are more than its capacity. Garbage that is out in the open because the lid will not close is an invitation to critters and crows that are always looking for their next meal and do not clean up after themselves. Remember, overfilled carts, set out for pick-up, are subject to an extra charge on your utility bill.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. The Public Works Department

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If you need assistance to attend a Council meeting please contact City Hall at 253-759-3544.

Emergency – Dial 911 or Non-Emergency Dispatcher

253-798-4721 (24 hour) Use dispatcher number to request a Ruston Police officer contact you for urgent non-emergency responses

City of Ruston Personnel

Police Department		253-798-4721
Nestor Bautista		Police Chief
Municipal Court	253-759-8545	Lisa Fullerton
City Hall	253-759-3544	
City Clerk	253-759-3544	Judy Grams
City Attorney	253-759-3544	Jennifer Robertson
Fire Chief	253-759-3544	Don Torbet
Public Works	253-759-3544	Ray Johnson
Permit Coordinator	253-759-3544	Chrissanda Walker
Building Services Code Pros	253-759-3544	Mike Barth
http://www.rustonwa.org/services/community-development/code-enforcement		
City Planner	253-759-3544	Rob White